



MRAC **MIDDLE**
A MINISTRY FOR GRADE 5-6 STUDENTS

MRAC Middle exists so students can KNOW Jesus and be KNOWN

"So we cared for you. Because we loved you so much, we were delighted to share with you not only the gospel of God but our lives as well." 1 Thessalonians 2:8

WHY?

Middle school students find themselves in a critical phase between holding onto the safety, ideas, and conclusions of their childhood. Yet at the same time they are fully experimenting with new behaviors, values, attitudes and ideas of adolescence and adulthood. We want to meet students in the midst of this phase of life.

Middle school age has now become an important time where students are making decisions that have lifelong implications. Our heart is to aid in helping them wrestle with ideas, grow in their maturity, and experience the love of Christ in their lives.

We believe that Middle School ministry meets students in the midst of their energy, silliness and sometimes chaotic lives, while maintaining integrity through the commitment to foundational biblical principles that will guide students to continually grow and nurture their relationship with God.

SUNDAY MORNINGS

Sunday Mornings will be an age appropriate and interactive time each week where we give middle school students opportunities to dig deeper into what it means to live a life for Christ.

These classes will consist of series dealing with issues of theology, working through books of the Bible, and continue to challenge students to personalize and internalize their relationship with God.

This program will be offered during both services (students will be dismissed at the same time as Whole New World and Bibleland)

Grade 5-6 will meet in the Youth Room

MIDWEEK PROGRAM

This program will run every two weeks. It will include crowd-breakers, games, food, worship, a Biblical talk on relevant topics, and small group time with leaders. Thursday Night events are not just fun for the sake of being fun, but they give us an opportunity to connect and engage students in a non-threatening environment. Giving them a safe place to be themselves, to hear from God's Word, and to belong.

Sample Mid Week Program

6:15pm: Check-In

6:35pm: Announcements

6:40pm: Games

7:15pm: Snack Time

7:30pm: Talk

7:45pm: Small Group Time

8:00pm: Go Home

EXPERIENCE GOD

Every student should have the opportunity to know God, experience Him, and to know His great love for us. Students should have the opportunity to develop a relationship with Jesus, and be part of a ministry where they can wrestle with how that plays out in their lives, and ask questions. We want students to know what it looks like to live like Christ. To know how to be critical thinkers and interactors with the culture around them. To know how to be servants and messengers of the Gospel to those around them.

TO MAKE FAITH THEIR OWN

Our ministry will encourage students to move past simply knowing about God, but *to Make Faith their Own*. We will encourage students to ask questions and celebrate their intrigue or doubt. It is critical that students have a place to not only share their personal stories, but for them to be celebrated. Growing students will learn to act on their belief by using their gifts, to serve, to share their relationship with God with others, and by living life in such a way that they are becoming more like Christ each day.

WHERE STUDENTS BELONG

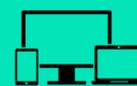
We want every student to be known and know that they *BELONG*. This means being willing to accept all kinds of students even when it makes us uncomfortable or forces us out of our element. Our ministry should be open to all students, no matter who they are or what issues they face. Every student needs the chance to learn what unconditional love looks like. Jesus loves all equally, and we have a great opportunity to show students this in practical ways.



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